

152A

98W-1039

# The Scary Truth About



## Food Irradiation



00 MAR 20 PM 4:09  
A9:48

What's more scary: this label  or the fact that your

Treated by Irradiation

food has been exposed to radiation?

Instead of telling us if food has been treated by radiation, the government is considering disguising these foods by eliminating the labels. Because people are spooked by radiation, the nuclear industry wants to trick us into eating irradiated treats.

What's really frightening is the fact that no long-term studies have been done to prove that irradiated foods are safe to eat. In addition, some studies have shown the possible appearance of cancer-causing goblins in irradiated foods.

The truth is, irradiation is an unnecessary process. It masks older foods as fresh ones, and conceals the fact that slaughterhouses and processing plants need to be cleaned up. We must act now, before our right to know if food has been irradiated becomes a ghost of the past!

**For more information, contact Public Citizen's  
Critical Mass Energy Project**



[www.citizen.org/cmep](http://www.citizen.org/cmep)



[csalvi@citizen.org](mailto:csalvi@citizen.org)



202.454.5132

98N-1038

C 5146

More than 20,000 people wrote to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) this summer to comment on its proposal to eliminate the requirement that irradiated foods be labeled. After the comments have been considered, the FDA will issue a new proposed rule. Now is the time to speak out and demand your right to know! Take a minute to write a letter to Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala to tell her to **retain prominent, permanent and precise labels for foods treated with radiation.**

[REDACTED]

**Donna Shalala, Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201**

[REDACTED]

**Dear Secretary Shalala:**

**I am writing to express my concern about the possible weakening of labeling requirements for irradiated food that is being considered by the Food and Drug Administration. I strongly believe that it is my right to know if the food I eat has been treated with radiation.**

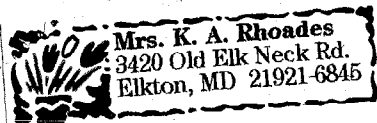
**Food products undergo chemical changes after exposure to radioactive isotopes. These cosmetic and nutritional changes in foods warrant disclosure on a prominent place on the package. In addition, food that is not packaged should be accompanied by a poster in plain view of where it is displayed for sale. Labels are required by law to be truthful and not misleading to the customer. Only clear, honest and permanent labeling is acceptable for irradiated foods.**

**I hope that you will defend the consumer's right to know in this important decision-making process.**

**Sincerely,**

*Kimberly A. Rhoades, and Jessica H. K. Rhoades who  
is my 6 month old daughter who hopes  
the future is not as scary as irradiated food*

*I found this flyer in my favorite store. (over)*



Donna Shalala, Secretary  
U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Ave., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201